

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 6, 24, 25, 26, 42, 43, and 44 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 3, 19, 20, 21, 37, 38, and 39 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6-8, 10-13, 24-26, 28-31, 42-44, and 46-49 are pending and under consideration. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found in the claims as filed originally, as well as in Figs. 9-13 and the accompanying description extending from line 16 at page 22 to line 24 at page 26. Reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Response to Arguments:

The Applicants appreciate the consideration given to their arguments. The Applicants, however, are disappointed that their arguments were not found to be persuasive.

The Office Action asserts in section 7 at page 9 that col. 8, line 52 through col. 9, line 5 of Mills describes:

The control unit detects user's selection via the operation unit/mouse and enlarges the display area corresponding to the identifying information/thumbnail and displays only the frame corresponding to the thumbnail and, thereby, replacing/deleting any image previously displayed in the display area.

This is submitted to be incorrect. This is not what is described at col. 8, line 52 through col. 9, line 5 of Mills at all, as discussed more fully below. In particular, there is no description in Mills of enlarging the display area corresponding to the identifying information/thumbnail and displaying only the frame corresponding to the thumbnail, contrary to the assertion in the Office Action. Further reconsideration is thus requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 6, 7, 8, 24, and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by US Patent No. 5,237,648 to Mills et al., (hereinafter "Mills"). The rejection is traversed, to the extent it might apply to the claims as amended.

Claim 6 recites:

Said control unit, when the identifying information corresponding to the divided display area is specified through said operation unit, enlarges said divided display area corresponding to the identifying information up to said predetermined display area, displays only said divided display area and deletes other divided display areas.

Mills neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests enlarging a “divided display area corresponding to the identifying information up to said predetermined display area,” and displaying “only said divided display area” and deleting “other divided display areas,” as recited in claim 6. As Mills, rather, describes at column 8, line 52 through column 9, line 5,

If the SDF is returned to the video window 20, the video source 10 is prompted to automatically return to the video frame position corresponding to the SDF, block 148. As explained above, this feature is particularly useful if the user wants to return to the position of the SDF to further edit a clip list row. For example, if the user had created a video clip sequence and then decided that the clip sequence should begin or end at a different frame, the user would not have to operate hardware trim buttons or goto buttons to change the sequence. To change a begin or end frame, the user would only have to put an SDF from either the begin or end column back in the video window, move the video information to the new frame position using the controllers of the control window 24, grab the new frame from the video window, and drag it over to the position of the old SDF. Likewise, the user could further edit a clip sequence by dragging an SDF from the clip column into the video window, thereby causing the video source 10 to automatically replay the video information in the same loop sequence as the SDF clip sequence, block 148.

Thus, Mills describes only returning the SDF to the video window 20 at column 8, line 52 through column 9, line 5. In fact, enlarging a “divided display area corresponding to the identifying information up to said predetermined display area,” and displaying “only said divided display area” and deleting “other divided display areas,” as recited in claim 6, would make no sense in the context of Mills, since the SDF is dragged into or out of video window 20 as needed for editing purposes. If the other, i.e. non-SDF display areas were deleted, the user would have no way of knowing where to put the SDF next. Claim 6 is submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 6 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 6 and add further distinguishing elements. Claims 7 and 8 are thus also submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7 and 8 is also earnestly solicited.

Claim 24:

Claim 24 recites,

Wherein when the identifying information corresponding to the divided display area is specified, said divided display area corresponding to the identifying information is enlarged up to said predetermined display area, only said divided display area is displayed and other divided display areas are deleted.

Mills neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests enlarging a “divided display area corresponding to the identifying information,” “up to said predetermined display area,” and displaying “only said

divided display area" and deleting "other divided display areas," as discussed above with respect to claim 6. Claim 24 is submitted to be allowable, for at least those reasons discussed above with respect to claim 6. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 24 is earnestly solicited.

Claim 42:

Claim 42 recites,

Wherein when the identifying information corresponding to the divided display area is specified, said divided display area corresponding to the identifying information is enlarged up to said predetermined display area, only said divided display area is displayed and other divided display areas are deleted.

Mills neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests enlarging a "divided display area corresponding to the identifying information," "up to said predetermined display area," and displaying "only said divided display area" and deleting "other divided display areas," as discussed above with respect to claim 6. Claim 42 is submitted to be allowable, for at least those reasons discussed above with respect to claim 6. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 42 is earnestly solicited.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 25, 26, 43, and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills in view of the U.S. Patent No. 6,832,355 to Duperrouzel et al. (hereinafter "Duperrouzel"). The rejection is traversed, to the extent it might apply to the claims as amended.

Claims 25, 26, 43, and 44 depend from claims 24 or 42 and add further distinguishing elements. Mills neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests enlarging a "divided display area corresponding to the identifying information," "up to said predetermined display area," and displaying "only said divided display area" and deleting "other divided display areas," as discussed above with respect to claims 24 and 42. Duperrouzel does not either, and thus cannot make up for the deficiencies of Mills with respect to claims 25, 26, 43, and 44. Thus, even if the references were combined as proposed in the Office Action, the claimed invention would not result. Claims 25, 26, 43, and 44 are thus submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 25, 26, 43, and 44 is earnestly solicited.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 10-13, 28-31, and 46-49.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 6-8, 10-13, 24-26, 28-31, 42-44, and 46-49 are allowable over the cited references. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

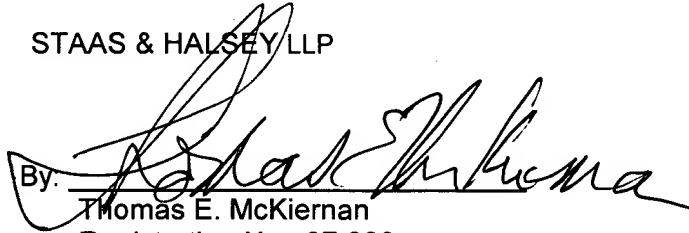
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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